

SHEBOYGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN BURNING INFORMATION

Excerpted from: Sheboygan Code of Ordinances Chapter 50 FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION
Division 5 Open Burning Section 50-182 Exceptions

Open burning is prohibited with the following exceptions:

- (5) Fires set for outdoor cooking with the following exceptions:
 - a. Wood or other nonexplosive fuel may be burned for the purpose of cooking or preparing foods, only under constant supervision, not nearer than ten feet to any building, in a substantial burner built of metal, concrete or brick as approved by the chief inspector of the bureau.
 - b. Propane fueled appliances and burners shall not be used above the first floor level of any porch or deck attached to a building or structure. Approved propane appliances and burners shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
 - c. Natural gas outdoor cooking appliances shall be approved, mounted on a noncombustible post and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- (6) Recreational bonfires may be set with the following conditions:
 - a. Small bonfires shall be used for recreation and roasting. The fire shall be contained in a fire ring constructed of brick, stone or metal, no larger than 36 inches outside diameter. This shall not be closer than 10 feet to any building, structure, lumber, wooden fence or woodpile. The time limit shall be between 12:00 noon and 10:00 p.m., except that on Fridays and Saturdays, and Sundays preceding a Monday federal or state holiday, the time limit shall be between 12:00 noon and 12:00 midnight. Such fire shall be under constant supervision.
 - b. The fire ring shall extend upward a minimum of six inches above the landscaped ground level.
 - c. Fuel for bonfires shall consist of dry wood only and shall not be ignited with flammable or combustible liquids.
 - d. Material for bonfires may not include rubbish, garbage, trash, any material made or coated with rubber, plastic, leather or petroleum-based materials and may not contain any flammable or combustible liquids.
 - e. The maximum height of the wood fuel load for bonfires shall not exceed 18 inches above grade or the landscape.
 - f. At no time shall the smoke or heat created by such burning be an annoyance or discomfort to the neighborhood or the traveling public.
 - g. Any pre-manufactured portable device or burner used to contain a bonfire or simulate a bonfire must be UL approved, operated as designed by the manufacturer, and operated in accordance with the regulations in this subsection.